



# CITY OF JERSEY CITY

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## **HEALY PRAISES CHRISTIE HEALTH CARE BUDGET PROPOSAL**

JERSEY CITY, March 25, 2010 — **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** today expressed his support for an important aspect of Governor Chris Christie's State Fiscal Year 2011 proposed budget that prioritizes and preserves access to healthcare by our state's most vulnerable citizens. Mayor Healy urged members of Hudson County's legislative delegation to support the Governor's proposal to raise federal matching funds to bolster charity care by lifting the cap on a provider assessment.

Citing the disproportionately high charity care and Medicaid patient populations and other challenges faced by urban hospitals such as those in Jersey City – and the recent spate of hospital closures throughout the state – Mayor Healy said, "It is encouraging that our Governor recognizes the importance of healthcare services in an urban area like Jersey City."

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